

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 18-30 with the following amended paragraph:

A problem with the prior art data reproducing apparatus constructed as mentioned above is that while even if there occurs a data loss in a piece of management information, the data reproducing apparatus can identify the position of a corresponding file with reference to another piece of management information, the standard to which the file system conforms has to be changed because the redundant management information about the file needs to be recorded. A further problem is that only a part of the partition is assigned to a sparing area that is a redundant preliminary data region defined by the file system standard, and therefore the prior art data reproducing apparatus cannot deal with a data loss that occurs outside the partition.